

## Criminal Justice Information Systems

### Available Applications and Related Terms

**AFIS** *Automated Fingerprint Identification System (BCA)*

A database of digitized fingerprint files. A user can enter a fingerprint and a computer will generate a list of possible matches within minutes that are then examined and verified by a fingerprint expert.

**APS** *Automated Pawn System (Minneapolis)*

Database of business transactions from more than 100 pawn shops in Minnesota that is implemented and maintained by the Minneapolis Police Department.

**CAD** *Computer-Aided Dispatch*

A generic term to describe a computer system that handles emergency calls from one or several emergency dispatch centers.

**CCH** *Computerized Criminal History (BCA)*

A central repository for individuals' arrest and conviction data on targeted misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony offenses. Arrest records are matched to an identifier based on fingerprints.

**CIBRS** *Comprehensive Incident-Based Reporting System (BCA)*

A statewide repository of comprehensive law enforcement information from Minnesota law enforcement agencies (currently in development).

**CJDN** *Criminal Justice Datacommunications Network (BCA)*

A secure network used to share criminal justice information electronically. All BCA-Criminal Justice Information Systems applications reside on this secure network.

**CJRS** *Criminal Justice Reporting System (BCA)*

The database containing crime statistics reported by Minnesota law enforcement agencies to the FBI for the purposes of the Uniform Crime Reports.

**CMS** *Case Management System*

A generic term to refer to the electronic records management system used to manage cases, generally used by a court or attorney's office.

**COMS** *Correctional Operations Management System (Department of Corrections)*

Data in the state's prison inmate system.

**CSTS** *Court Services Tracking System (County Agencies)*

An electronic records management system for probation/supervision agencies used by 86 counties in Minnesota. It feeds information to the Statewide Supervision System.

**CWA** *Court Web Access (State Court System)*

A repository of statewide court information accessible via the Internet. It is currently distributed to all court agencies in Minnesota but is not available to the public via the Internet.

**DVS** *Driver and Vehicle Services (Department of Public Safety)*

A database of driver- and vehicle-related information from individual driver's licenses and vehicle registrations maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

**Hot Files** *Hot Files (BCA)*

A database, available through the Law Enforcement Message Switch, containing statewide information on wanted and missing persons and stolen property (including vehicles and guns).

**IAFIS** *Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (FBI)*

A national online fingerprint database run by the FBI.

**IBIS** *Integrated Biometric Identification System (BCA)*

A mobile identification system that is a Pocket PC-based, handheld unit to scan index fingerprints that are then transmitted to the BCA wirelessly.



**ICHS** *Integrated Criminal History System (BCA)*

A project to develop the next generation of computerized criminal history and automated fingerprint identification (currently in development).

**III** *Interstate Identification Index (FBI)*

This system, accessible through the Law Enforcement Message Switch and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, contains a criminal history index of about 30 million offenders nationwide and can be queried using a name, date of birth, and other information.

**ISS** *Integrated Search Services (BCA)*

An integrated, Internet-based search engine that links five statewide repositories and allows users to access records from each system via a single entry point. Previously referred to as "CriMNet" or "CriMNet Search."

**JMS** *Jail Management System*

A generic term to refer to the electronic records management system used to manage records in a county or municipal jail.

**LEMS** *Law Enforcement Message Switch (BCA)*

This mechanism provides access for law enforcement personnel to information from several sources including the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) including the Interstate Identification Index (III), National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), National Weather Service (primarily severe weather information), Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS), Computerized Criminal History (CCH), and State Hot Files (wants, warrants, attempts to locate, Minnesota gang files, orders for protection, and Predatory Offender Registration).

**LOGIS** *Local Government Information Systems (Local Agencies)*

This is a consortium of Minnesota local government units. The purpose of LOGIS is to provide effective, reliable and adaptable technology solutions to Minnesota public agencies through the sharing of ideas, risks, resources and costs in a cooperative partnership that evolves with agencies' needs.

**MAFIN** *Midwest Automated Fingerprint Identification Network (Upper Midwest)*

The Midwest Automated Fingerprint Identification Network (MAFIN) is a shared regional database involving Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Minnesota hosts the database at the BCA. The MAFIN system enables speedy comparison of fingerprints and detects matching records under alias names for all records among the three states. The MAFIN database also contains latent prints left at crime scenes; all new arrest fingerprint searches go against that unsolved file, as well as the normally stored images.

**MCAPS** *Minnesota County Attorneys Prosecution System (County Agencies)*

A records management system used by county attorney agencies in Minnesota. It is currently used by 57 counties.

**MNCIS** *Minnesota Court Information System (State Court System)*

A statewide electronic system for managing court records and associated filings in each court across the state (currently being implemented through mid-2007).

**MNCJSS** *Minnesota Criminal Justice Statute Service (BCA)*

A database containing criminal justice charging and penalty statutes – previously the Minnesota Statute Table. The application allows users to search for relevant statutes. The application is also built for use directly from local records management systems.

**MOC** *Minnesota Offense Codes*

Standardized code developed for used within Minnesota to describe various types of crimes.



**MRAP** *Minnesota Repository of Arrest Photos (BCA)*

A statewide repository of arrest photos sent by jails across Minnesota. The database also contains photos of distinctive markings, including scars and tattoos.

**NCIC** *National Crime Information Center (FBI)*

National information and network providing the following databases to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies: the Interstate Identification Index, the Missing Persons File, the Unidentified Persons File, the U.S. Secret Service Protective File, stolen property, nationwide wants and warrants, nationwide sex offenders and the Violent Gang/Terrorist File.

**NIBRS** *National Incident-Based Reporting System (FBI)*

A national collection of data on each single crime occurrence.

**NICS** *National Incidence Check System (FBI)*

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) is a national system that checks available records on individuals who may be disqualified from receiving firearms. The system was designed to provide federal firearms licensees with the information as soon as possible. Most background check inquiries return a result within 30 seconds so the licensees receive an almost immediate response.

**NEIS** *Name-Event Index Service (BCA)*

A project, currently under development, that will create name and event indexes of criminal justice records that can be linked biometrically to a specific person. Also implements the identification protocol, which provides a percentage of accuracy when biometrics are not available.

**NLETS** *National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS)*

A secure international justice telecommunications network and information service that provides access for law enforcement to an array of criminal justice databases at both the international, federal and state levels. Those databases include criminal history; other states vehicle registration and driver's license information; hazardous materials files; Federal Aviation Administration Files; National Insurance Crime Bureau; criminal justice information via the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC); the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) data; Commercial Vehicle Information System, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Law Enforcement Support Center, National Drug Pointer System, Mexican Federal Commercial Drivers License and others.

**POR** *Predatory Offender Registration (BCA)*

A database containing information from statewide predatory offender (sex offender) registrations.

**RMS** *Records Management System*

A generic term to refer to the electronic records management system used to manage information, typically in a law enforcement agency or attorney's office.

**SSS** *Statewide Supervision System (Department of Corrections)*

A statewide repository of detention and supervision data maintained by the Department of Corrections. The data is based on records in the Court Services Tracking System, as well as records from the DOC's prison record system.

**Suspense** *Suspense File (BCA)*

**File** A database of court and custody records that cannot be matched to arrest records via fingerprints. These are records that would be part of the Computerized Criminal History database if they could be linked to an individual biometrically. It is searchable by law enforcement agencies.

**TCIS** *Trail Court Information System (State Court System)*

A database system used by the court system to administer cases. It will be replaced by MNCIS.

